

THE MUTE APPEAL.

Residence in the country is commonly supposed to engender a virtuous and peaceable habit of mind; the simplicity and monotony of its condition to offer no occasion to the passion, and dry solitude to clarify the soul.

There is one such remnant, lying in the southern county, whose healthy slopes and miles of upland, rough with ancient forest, rise broad and high above the green and watered valleys; so that you may walk for hours and perceive no sign of man, save the tiny church spire on the sky-line, or the stone lodge of a game-keeper.

As the odorous spring evenings lengthened, Holt began to grow restless. Without formulating the desire, he felt, diversion he must have, whether fighting or love-making or both.

ported them. On the further side a man was standing on the floor beneath, lashing the clapper to the top of the bell. A patch of light glistened on his oiled black hair, and illuminated a piece of the brilliant red of his cheek.

What Causes it and How Overcome. How often the remark, "Oh, my head aches," and there are so many varieties of aches and pains the head is subject to all the persistent, racking and torturing misery of Sick Headache.

What's that? returned the astonished Holt. "You know what it is," Charlie went on with contained, sullen fury. "You know well enough. I see you and your goings-on down yonder, at more than once or twice. Oo are you! And what yer doing, messin' about? What'd yer mean by the girl?"

Holt regarded the fermenting shoppman with awkward interest. He remembered having seen Charlie hanging about the neighborhood of the mill, but the sight of him had aroused no other curiosity than an idle speculation as to the surname of his fellow-ringer; from his appearance he had thought it should be Gritten, or Pooley, or, perhaps, Chilcot.

"If I might suggest, Mr. Chilcot," said Holt, sullenly, "I should recommend you to mind your own business. My name's Moore, I retorted the injured Charlie, heaving himself up on the platform so that he stood on the next cross-beam with a narrow gulf between his unconscious rival and himself. Holt looked at the coarse, weak, guileless face, disfigured and agitated with passion, and a pang of pity took him. But the thing is absurd, he thought, and if Mr. Chilcot had only learnt to talk, he said to himself, what an eloquent appeal he would make in this highly-wrought condition.

"It is my business," continued Charlie, and stopped to struggle after words. "God send it ain't too late," he burst out with a lamentable note in his voice; and flinging out his hand, whether of design or not, he struck Holt upon the head. Holt caught his wrist like a vice. "Easy, man, easy," he said. But too fatuous Charlie had got beyond control and cast himself blindly upon Holt whose blood was already kindling at the touch. The two men closed; and in Holt who had ridden himself with a slack rein for months, the fighting fever rose in an instant; he put forth his strength upon his puny antagonist, and in less than a minute had him helpless across his knee under his hand, Charlie's muscles relaxed suddenly, and his head fell back. A horrible terror went through Holt like a knife.

"Good Lord! I've killed the chap," he said, stupidly. [Continued next week.]

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